

3.2 THE PLANNING PROCESS

See a list of Acronyms and a Glossary of Terms in Appendix 4.

Developing the Planning Process

In early 2004, the Project Coordinator contacted the State National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator, KY EM, KY Division of Water (DOW), and FEMA Region IV to state the intent of beginning the process of developing a natural hazards plan and requested participation, assistance, and resources.

Louisville Metro Planning Process

In order to develop a more comprehensive approach to reducing the effects of natural disasters, the planning process included:

- (1) An opportunity for the public to comment on the plan during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval;
- (2) An opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process;
- (3) Review and incorporation, if appropriate, of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information.